

hometown neighborhood. After studying in Italy for several years, Anthony returned to the United States and began working with senior citizens in Boston's North End, many of whom were immigrants from Italy. His passion for Italian history only strengthened as he spent more time with them and he began to record their conversations to be sure that the stories were captured accurately. Anthony's first book, Boston's North End: Images and Recollections of an Italian American Neighborhood, was a compilation of those stories and its success led to his second book, The Italian American Experience in New Haven. Collections of photographs and oral histories, each brings a unique perspective of the Italian American experience in these two cities and his hometown of New Haven could not be more proud.

Today, as he is recognized by the Societa' Santa Maria Maddalena, I am honored to join all of those who have gathered this evening in extending my sincere thanks and appreciation to Anthony Riccio for his many invaluable contributions to our community. I would also like to extend my best wishes to him, his wife Dorothy, and his daughter, Annalisa, on this very special occasion.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DR.
CAESAR ARTHUR WALTER CLARK

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 30, 2008

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Reverend Dr. Caesar Arthur Walter Clark, a remarkable and compassionate leader whose legacy has touched so many North Texans. Reverend Clarke passed on July 27, 2008. His is a deep loss felt by his family, his church congregation, the North Texas community, the State of Texas, and most assuredly, our nation. Reverend Clarke will long be remembered for his social activism and advocacy on behalf of those individuals suffering from poverty, homelessness, and injustice. He fought for the common person and his influence was far reaching, both inside and outside the African American community.

Reverend Clark was born in Shreveport, Louisiana and attended the public schools in his native state. He was converted to Christianity in 1928 at age 14. Pastor Clark began preaching in April 1929, and was ordained four years later in 1933. His first pastorate at age 19 was the Israelite Baptist Church in Longstreet, Louisiana.

Dr. Clark has served as the venerated pastor of Good Street Baptist Church in Dallas for over 58 years. He has delivered his vibrant sermons all over the world during his extraordinary career in the clergy. In addition, he has served as president of the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas and as vice president of the National Baptist Convention.

While his professional focus has always been squarely on the valued worshippers at Good Street Baptist, Dr. Clark is also an involved community leader who continues to enjoy membership on the Boy Scouts of America Advisory Committee and the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce. In addition, Dr. Clark played an active role in our Nation's civil rights struggle. Perhaps most notably he was

responsible for drawing Dr. Martin Luther King to his church in 1958 for his first of many speeches in Dallas.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Caesar A.W. Clark's life is one of dedicated service, compassion, faith and devotion. For all these reasons, please join me in expressing our heartfelt sympathy to his wife, Carolyn Elaine Clark; his son, Dr. Caesar Arthur Walter Clark, Jr.; daughter-in-law, Dr. Sylvia Clark; granddaughter, Chelsi Om'Nira Clark; step daughter, Tonya Bunche; step son, Maurice Bunche and his many relatives and friends.

I urge my colleagues to please join me in conveying our gratitude to his family for sharing this great man with us, and to accept our condolences for their tremendous loss. He was an inspiration to us all.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. FRANK A. LOBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 30, 2008

Mr. LOBIONDO. Madam Speaker, as per the requirements of the Republican Conference Rules on earmarks, I secured the following earmark in H.R. 6599.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02).

Bill Number: H.R. 6599.

Account: Air Force, Military Construction, Air National Guard.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: 177th Fighter Wing.

Address of Requesting Entity: 400 Langley Road, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$8.4 million for the construction of Phase I of a two phase Operations and Training Facility for the 177th Fighter Wing at the Atlantic City International Airport in Egg Harbor Township, NJ. The facility will house key wing administrative functions to better enable the 177th to perform its Air Sovereignty Alert mission in defense of the homeland.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. JOHN GEORGE, SUPERVISORY RESEARCH ENTOMOLOGIST AND LABORATORY DIRECTOR/RESEARCH LEADER, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE, KERRVILLE, TX

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 30, 2008

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, today I want to congratulate Dr. John George on the occasion of his retirement after 28 years of Federal service with the United States Department of Agriculture.

Through his continued effort and diligence, Dr. George has established a distinguished career in both academia and research. In 1979, Dr. George joined the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) as Research Leader of the Tick Research Unit of the Knippling-Bushland U.S. Livestock Insects Research

Laboratory, KBUSLIRL, Kerrville, TX. Dr. George is currently the Research Leader of all Current Research Information System projects at the KBUSLIRL, and in addition was designated Laboratory Director in 1999. Dr. George's work with the Cattle Fever Tick Eradication Program has been instrumental in protecting the U.S. cattle industry from Texas Cattle Fever Ticks.

In addition to the many contributions that Dr. George has made to the ARS, KBUSLIRL, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, APHIS, Veterinary Services, and international tick control organizations, he has been an active leader of various professional organizations. He has served as President of the Acarological Society of America, President of the Southwestern Branch of the Entomological Society of America, the Southwestern Branch Representative to the Governing Board of the ESA, and Vice-chairmanship to the Parasitic Diseases Committee of the U.S. Animal Health Association. In addition, to numerous societal committee assignments he has served on the editorial boards of three ESA Journals. In 2003, his peers in livestock entomology recognized his devotion and contributions to his profession when he was presented with the Life-Time Achievement Award, sponsored by Bayer Animal Health, at the 47th Annual Livestock Insect Workers Conference, Atlantic Beach, NC.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM K. KOWALSKI, ASSISTANT SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE, DETROIT DIVISION, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 30, 2008

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of William J. Kowalski, who is retiring after 25 years of service in the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Throughout his career with the FBI he has served his country with honor and distinction.

Following his training at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia, Mr. Kowalski began his career with the Bureau in Detroit. During his time with the Bureau, Mr. Kowalski moved quickly through the ranks, a testament to his dedication and commitment to his job. He served tours of duty in Memphis, Tennessee, and New York City.

After his exceptional work in the field he was promoted to a supervisory position at FBI Headquarters in Washington, DC. During his service Special Agent Kowalski was responsible for managing counterintelligence and espionage investigations. After the Berlin Wall fell Mr. Kowalski was one of the first agents to travel to Eastern Europe.

Mr. Kowalski eventually returned home to serve in Michigan, this time in a supervisory role for the Flint and Ann Arbor Resident Agencies of the FBI. In 2004, Mr. Kowalski was promoted to his current position of Assistant Special Agent in Charge in Detroit. While in this position Mr. Kowalski led Detroit's counterterrorism efforts which are so crucial to our nation's security today.

Mr. Kowalski's relentless hard work and dedication was recognized numerous times as